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## TOWN OFFICERS

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Moderator—William C. MacAdam.

Town Clerk—Herman C. Miller.

Selectmen—Charles W. Abbott, Francis W. Abbott, Edward E. Jones.

Treasurer—Herman C. Miller.

Tax Collector—Rodney G. Mills.

Board of Education—Harold A. Varnum, Winnifred C. Hoyt, C. Gladys St. John.

Auditors—State Tax Commission, Municipal Accounting Division, Rodney G. Mills, Arthur J. Miller, William Bassett, Jr.

Supervisors—William A. Lord (Appointed to replace A. J. Miller).

Road Agent—Clayton F. Foote.

Overseer of Poor—Marion Bradbury.

Trustees of Trust Funds—Paul T. Bradbury, Rodney G. Mills, Constance C. Varnum.

Library Trustees—Eleanor G. Cutter, Henry B. Hill, Arnold B. Bailey.

Cemetery Commissioners—Rodney G. Mills, Walter A. Creighton, Clayton F. Foote.

Fire Wards—Arthur J. Miller, Norman J. Stewart, Thomas E. Bixby, Paul T. Bradbury, Victor L. White.

Election Officers—C. Gladys St. John, S. Erma Jones, Gladys C. Vadney, Norton R. Brown.

Board of Adjustment—William A. Lord, Harold A. Varnum, Paul T. Bradbury, Ford Bowman, George E. Kunhardt.

Chief of Police—Victor L. White.

Special Police—Norman J. Stewart, Royal S. Cleaves.

Fence Viewers—Norton R. Brown, Edward F. Murphy, Carl L. Wilson.

Civil Defense Director—Paul T. Bradbury.

# TOWN WARRANT

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the budget as submitted by the Selectmen or make any alterations in the same and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to finance the same as finally adopted.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to improve by drainage and gravel, that portion of road starting at the Greenfield Road by the residence of Clarence Murdough past the playgrounds, or take any action relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to purchase a new truck chassis for the Fire Department, or take any action relating thereto.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be used to improve the playgrounds, or take any action relating thereto.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to rebuild the bridge on the Pleasant Pond Road, or take any action relating thereto.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to police and maintain safe bathing conditions at the beach at Scobie Pond, or take any action relating thereto.
9. To see if the Town will vote to relocate the Public Beach at Scobie Pond by accepting the gift of land by Henry Humphreys in exchange for present public right of way.
10. To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen appoint a committee of three members to make a study of the present and future cemetery needs, or take any action relating thereto.
11. To see if the Town will vote to close, subject to gates and bars, road No. 96 on town highway map, that portion of road from the north of Norton Brown's to the junction of the Lord Hill Road.
12. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Fire Insurance on town buildings, also to increase Liability Insurance to cover all town property, raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for the same, or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to accept a new road and maintain the same, located on the property of William and Christie Nickerson, or take any action relating thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the old road past the residence of William and Christie Nickerson, if Article 13 is passed, or take any action relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to reserve from all available Summer Highway Funds, not less than \$1500. for road maintenance after September 1, inasmuch as they are responsible for the expenditure of money and the discharge of duties of the highway agent under the Rev. Laws of the State of New Hampshire Chapter 96, Section 9.

16. To see if the Town will vote to increase the pay of the salaried Town Officers by 20 per cent.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Advisory Committee to procure plans and recommendations for a town building to store town equipment, or take any action relating thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivors Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

20. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

21. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees, heretofore chosen and take action on same.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty four.

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

EDWARD E. JONES

Selectmen of Francestown

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

EDWARD E. JONES

Selectmen of Francestown

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,581 89	\$2,598 66	\$2,598 66
Savings Bank Tax	114 67	106 90	106 90
Growing Wood and Timber	1,570 49	1,570 49	1,570 49
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	188 00	191 50	191 50
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	9 00	26 50	26 50
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	94 00	63 00	63 00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	225 74	71 33	71 33
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,544 29	2,021 41	2,021 41
Sale of Town Property		135 00	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	418 00	418 00	418 00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$6,746 08</b>	<b>\$7,202 79</b>	<b>\$7,067 79</b>
<b>*Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes</b>			<b>38,967 12</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			<b>\$46,034 91</b>



PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Year 1954
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$955 00	\$955 00	\$955 00
Town Officers' Exp.—Auto Permits	850 00	922 37	1,000 00
Election & Registration Expenses	55 00	43 00	200 00
Exp. Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	450 00	485 82	600 00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	100 00	106 09	100 00
Fire Dept.—Forest Fires	1,000 00	2,736 97	1,200 00
Insurance	350 00	507 21	900 00
Civil Defense		25 00	50 00
<b>Health:</b>			
Vital Statistics	10 00	11 75	12 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	150 00	150 00	150 00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance—Summer	5,000 00	5,632 25	6,000 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000 00	2,076 33	1,500 00
Street Lighting	694 08	690 68	650 00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	500 00	546 74	500 00
Town Road Aid	816 35	816 35	829 17
<b>Libraries:</b>	2,025 00	2,025 00	1,810 00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Old Age Assistance	500 00	894 80	900 00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day & Veterans' As.	10 00	12 60	10 00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	250 00	184 44	200 00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Advertising & Regional As.	83 00	83 00	83 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Year 1954
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	75 00	71 68	75 00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	175 00	232 32	125 00
<b>Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improv.</b>			
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Construction	400 00	394 05	
<b>Indebtedness:</b>			
<b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>			
(b) Long Term Notes	2,830 30	2,830 30	2,330 00
(c) Payment to Capital Reserve			
Funds-Fire Truck Fund	200 00	200 00	200 00
<b>Payments to Other Gov. Div.:</b>			
County Taxes	3,509 35	3,509 35	3,509 35
School Taxes	19,164 94	18,746 13	22,146 39
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$42,153 02</b>	<b>\$44,889 23</b>	<b>\$46,034 91</b>

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE  
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH  
COUNTY FOR THE TAX YEAR 1953**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY		VALUATION
Lands and Buildings		\$880,745
Electric Plants		63,922
Horses	26	1,550
Cows	195	36,865
Other Neat Stock	32	4,525
Sheep and Goats	156	6,380
Fowls	6131	8,345
Portable mills	3	3,600
Road Building and Repairing & Well Drilling Machinery	2	6,000
Wood, lumber, etc.		7,300
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	5	750
Stock in trade		6,630
Mills and Machinery		5,450
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed		1,032,062
Less: Soldiers' exemptions and exemptions to blind		32,150
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$999,912
Amount of Property valuation exempted to veterans		\$32,150
Number of inventories distributed	350	
Number of inventories returned	190	
Number of veterans who received property exemption	37	
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	42	

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHARLES W. ABBOTT  
FRANCIS W. ABBOTT  
EDWARD E. JONES

Selectmen

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES  
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1953 OF THE TOWN OF  
FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries		\$955 00
Town Officers' Expenses		850 00
Election and Registration Expenses		55 00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance		450 00
Police Department		100 00
Fire Department	\$800 00	
Forest Fires	200 00	
	<hr/>	1,000 00
Dump and Garbage Collection		150 00
Vital Statistics		10 00
Town Road Aid		816 35
Town Maintenance—Summer	5,000 00	
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	7,000 00
New Construction—Roads		400 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		500 00
Insurance		350 00
Street Lighting		694 08
Libraries	1,350 00	
Spec. Appro.	500 00	
Spec. Appro.	175 00	
	<hr/>	2,025 00
Old Age Assistance		500 00
Memorial Day		10 00
Cemeteries & Special Appro.		250 00
Advertising & Regional As.		83 00
Payments on Debt, Principal	2,830 00	
Interest	250 00	
	<hr/>	3,080 00
County Tax		3,509 35
School Tax		19,169 94
Capital Reserve Fund—to be raised by taxation		200 00
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Total Town and School Appropriations		\$42,157 72

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,581 89
Savings Bank Tax	114 67
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	1,570 49
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,544 29
Dog Licenses	188 00

Business Licenses & Permits	9 00	
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	94 00	
Int. on Taxes and Income from Trust Funds	225 74	
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Total Revenues and Credits		\$6,328 08
		<hr/>
Plus Overlay		35,829 64
		185 23
		<hr/>
Net Amount to be raised by taxation		36,014 87
Less: Number 209 of Poll Taxes at \$2.	\$418 00	
	<hr/>	\$418 00
		<hr/>
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		\$35,596 87
<b>Taxes to be Committed to Collector:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$35,596 87	
Poll Taxes at \$2.	418 00	
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$36,014 87
Tax Rates—Approved by Tax Comm. \$3.56		

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Selectmen

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimburse-ments	Total Amt. Available	Unexpended	
				Expended	Balance
					Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	\$955 00		\$955 00	\$955 00	
Town Officers' Expenses	850 00		850 00	922 37	\$72 37
Election and Registration	55 00		55 00	43 00	\$12 00
Town Hall and Other Buildings	450 00		450 00	485 82	35 82
Police Department	100 00		100 00	106 09	6 09
Fire Department and Forest Fires	1,000 00		1,000 00	2,736 97	1,736 97
Civilian Defense			74 80	25 00	49 80
Town Dump	150 00		150 00	150 00	
Vital Statistics	10 00		10 00	11 75	1 75
Insurance	350 00		350 00	507 21	157 21
Highways-Town Maintenance	5,000 00	\$2,461 29	7,461 29	7,291 68	169 61
Winter	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,076 33	76 33
General	500 00		500 00	546 74	46 74
T. R. Aid	816 35		816 35	816 35	
Dump Road	400 00		400 00	395 05	5 95
Street Lighting	694 08		694 08	690 68	3 40
Libraries (Including Special Appropriations)	1,350 00	675 00	2,025 00	2,025 00	
Old Age Assistance	500 00	394 80	894 80	894 80	
Memorial Day	10 00		10 00	12 60	2 60
Cemeteries	200 00		250 00	184 44	65 56
Monadnock Region Association	83 00	50 00	83 00	83 00	
Interest-Temporary Loans	75 00		75 00	71 68	3 32
Long Term Notes	175 00		175 00	232 32	57 32
Principal of Debt	2,830 00		2,830 00	2,830 00	
Fire Truck Fund	200 00		200 00	200 00	
County Tax	3,509 35		3,509 35	3,509 35	
Totals	\$22,262 78	\$3,581 09	\$25,918 67	\$27,802 23	\$309 64
			Unexpended Balance		\$2,193 20
				Overdraft	\$309 64
					\$1,884 56

**Financial Report of the Town of Francestown  
In Hillsborough County for the Fiscal Year Ended  
December 31, 1953**

ASSETS

Cash—In hands of treasurer	\$9,509 62	
(a) Tax Collector	82 12	
	<hr/>	\$9,591 74
Capital Reserve Funds:		
(a) Fire Truck Fund	500 00	\$500 00
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
(b) A/c Exemption of Growing Wood and timber	720 88	
(c) Bounties	70 75	
	<hr/>	\$791 63
Other bills due Town:		
(a) Yield Tax Warrant \$2—1953	175 00	
	<hr/>	\$175 00
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(b) Levy of 1952	230 22	
(c) Levy of 1951	30 93	
(d) Previous Years	262 34	
	<hr/>	\$523 49
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1953	3,910 77	
(b) Levy of 1952	82 14	
(c) Levy of 1951	33 40	
	<hr/>	\$4,026 31
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1953	120 00	
(f) State Head Taxes—Previous Years	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$195 00
Total Assets		<hr/> \$15,803 17
Net Debt		1,694 61
Grand Total		<hr/> \$17,497 78
Net Debt—December 31, 1952		3,220 86
Net Debt—December 31, 1953		1,694 61
Decrease of Debt		1,526 25

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Special Cemetery Appropriation	\$50 00	
Town Poor	161 04	
Civil Defense	49 80	
	<hr/>	\$260 84

Due to State:		
(a) State Head Taxes—1953—Uncollected \$120. Collected—not remitted to State Treas. \$127.	247 00	247 00
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation	10,169 94	10,169 94
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Offsets similar Asset account	500 00	500 00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
2—\$500 Notes for Tarring Turnpike	1,000 00	
4—\$1,330 Notes Grader	5,320 00	
		<u>\$6,320 00</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$17,497 78</u>

## RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
1. Property Taxes—Current Year	\$32,056 51	
2. Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	366 00	
4. Yield Taxes, 1953	313 00	
5. State Head Taxes at \$5.	1,130 00	
6. Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		\$33,865 51
7. Property Taxes & Yield Taxes—Previous Years		\$4,288 88.
9. State Head Taxes at \$5—Previous Years		\$163 50
11. Penalties on State Head Taxes		\$8 00
12. Tax sales redeemed		\$107 07
From State:		
(b) For Class V Highway maintenance	\$2,344 09	
14. Interest & dividend tax	2,598 66	
15. Refunds	21 59	
16. Savings Bank Tax	106 90	
20. Fighting forest fires	435 45	
21. Bounties	12 25	
22. Reimbursement a/c Old Age As.	275 42	
		<u>\$5,794 36</u>
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
24. Dog licenses	\$191 50	
25. Business licenses, permits & filing fees	26 50	
27. Rent of town property	63 00	
28. Interest received on taxes	71 33	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 permits	2,021 41	
		<u>\$2,373 74</u>



## Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

34. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$6,000 00	
38. Refunds	467 20	
40. New trust funds received during year	500 00	
42. Sale of town property	135 00	
Timber Tax Security	107 32	
	<hr/>	\$7,209 52
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$53,810 58
Cash on hand January 1, 1953		10,982 22
		<hr/>
Grand Total		\$64,792 80

## PAYMENTS

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

## General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$955 00	
2. Town officers' expenses and Auto permits—\$136.	922 37	
3. Election & registration expenses	43 00	
5. Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	485 82	
	<hr/>	\$1,129 67

## Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department	\$106 09	
8. Fire dept., including forest fires	2,736 97	
10. Bounties	70 75	
12. Insurance	507 21	
13. Civil Defense	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,446 02

## Health:

15. Vital statistics	\$11 75	
17. Town dumps and garbage removal	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$161 75

## Highways and Bridges:

18. Town Road Aid—Gas Money	\$1,659 43	
19. Town Maintenance:		
Summer	\$5,632 25	
Winter	2,076 33	
	<hr/>	\$7,708 58
20. Street lighting	690 68	
21. General Exp. of Highway Dept.	546 74	
	<hr/>	\$10,605 43

Libraries:		
22. Libraries & Special Appropriations		
\$175—\$500		\$2,025 00
Public Welfare:		
23. Old age assistance		\$894 80
Patriotic Purposes:		
26. Memorial Day		\$12 60
Public Service Enterprises:		
30. Cemeteries		\$184 44
33. Regional Associations	83 00	
34. Taxes bought by town	230 22	
35. Discounts, Abatements & refunds	9 13	
36. Yield Taxes Security	107 32	
	<hr/>	\$429 67
Interest:		
38. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation		
of taxes	71 68	
39. Paid on long term notes	232 32	
	<hr/>	\$304 00
Outlay for New Construction, Equip-		
ment & Permanent Imp.:		
42. Highways —State Aid constr.	816 35	
43. Highways—Town construction	394 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,210 40
Indebtedness:		
51. Payments on temporary loans in		
anticipation of taxes	6,000 00	
52. Payments on long term notes	2,830 00	
54. Payments to capital reserve funds		
Fire Truck Fund	200 00	
55. Payments to trustees of trust funds		
(New Funds)	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,530 00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:		
56. State Head Taxes paid State Treas.		
(1953 Taxes \$910.50) (Prior Yrs.		
\$906.90)	1,817 40	
57. Taxes paid to County	3,509 35	
59. Payments to School Dist. (1952 Tax		
\$9746.13) (1953 Tax \$9,000)	18,746 13	
	<hr/>	\$24,072 88
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$55,283 18
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953		9,509 62
Grand Total		<hr/> \$64,792 80

### Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1. Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$25,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	500 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	5,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,000 00
3. Police Department	25 00
4. Fire Department, lands & buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	5,000 00
5. Highway Dept., lands and buildings	150 00
Equipment	10,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	10,000 00
Equipment	3,000 00
Town Dump Land	100 00
Town Garage Land	200 00
Forest Fire Equipment	600 00
Total	<hr/> \$62,575 00

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### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated February 1, 1954.

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

EDWARD E. JONES

Selectmen

HERMAN C. MILLER

Treasurer

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

1953

Auto Permits: 304 Permits Issued		\$2,021 41
Dog Licenses: 12 females	\$61 00	
1 Kennel	12 00	
65 Males & Spayed	134 10	
	<hr/>	
	\$207 10	
 Paid Out:		
Commission on 78 dogs	15 60	
	<hr/>	
		191 50
Pistol Permits		3 50
Filing fees		7 00
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Total Receipts		\$2,223 41

Respectfully submitted:

HERMAN C. MILLER

Town Clerk

## STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR

## YIELD TAX

Levy of 1953

## DR.

Warrant	\$674 61
Added tax	175 00
Total Debits	<u>\$849 61</u>

## CR.

Remittances to treasurer	\$313 00
Uncollected	536 61
Total Credits	<u>\$849 61</u>

## STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1953

## DR.

Original Warrant	\$1,250 00
Added taxes	15 00
Penalties collected	<u>1,265 00</u>
Total debits	<u>7 00</u>
	<u>\$1,272 00</u>

## CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head taxes	\$1,130 00
Penalties	7 00
Abatements	15 00
Uncollected	120 00
Total Credits	<u>\$1,272 00</u>

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1953

## DR.

Warrant	\$36,014 87
Added taxes	41 08
Interest	1 73
Total Debits	<u>\$36,057 68</u>

## CR.

Remittances to treasurer	\$31,925 78
Abatements	8 00
Uncollected	4,123 90
	<hr/>
Total Credits	\$36,057 68

## STATEMENT OF TAX SALES

## Levy of 1952

William P. Doyle, tax cost Int.	\$15 20
Louise Brock, tax cost Int.	9 81
Herbert Wilson, tax cost Int.	4 41
Owner unknown, tax cost Int.	3 32
F. F. Foote & Sons, tax cost Int.	186 60
Henry B. Murray, tax cost Int.	10 88
	<hr/>
	\$230 22

## Levy of 1952

## DR.

Uncollected Property Taxes Dec. 31, 1952:	\$3,968 21
Poll taxes	84 00
Yield Taxes	109 57
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952	1 58
Added Property taxes	173 88
Interest collected	65 64
	<hr/>
Total debits	\$4,402 88

## CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property taxes	\$4,119 64
Poll taxes	70 00
Yield taxes	52 70
Interest	65 64
Abatements	12 28
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1953	82 14
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Total credits	4,402 40
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953	48
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	\$4,402 88

## Levy of 1951

## DR.

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1952:	
Property taxes	\$41 58
Poll taxes	2 00
Yield taxes	52 55
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Total debits	\$96 13

## CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property taxes	\$9 00
Abatements	77 13
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1953	10 00
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Total Credits	\$96 13

## Levy of 1950

## DR.

Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1952:	
Property taxes	\$28 93
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Total debits	\$28 93

## CR.

Remittances to treasurer	\$5 53
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1953	23 40
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Total Credits	\$28 93

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS

Tax Collector

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1953 \$10,982 22

Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:

1950 Property Tax		\$5 53
1951 Head Tax and Penalties	\$11 00	
1951 Property Tax	11 00	
1951 Tax Sales Redeemed	107 07	
1951 Interest and Cost after Sale	4 01	
		\$133 08

1952 Poll Tax	\$70 00	
1952 Head Tax and Penalties	153 50	
1952 Property Tax	4,202 35	
1952 Interest	65 64	
		\$4,491 49

1953 Poll Tax	\$366 00	
1953 Head Tax and Penalties	1,137 00	
1953 Property Tax	32,056 51	
1953 Interest	1 68	
1953 Yield Taxes	313 00	
		\$33,874 19

Herman C. Miller, Clerk:

Auto Permits	\$2,021 41	
Dog Taxes	191 50	
Filing Fees	7 00	
Pistol Permits	3 50	
		\$2,223 41

Loans:

Souhegan National Bank (Short Term)		\$6,000 00
Rentals:		
Town Hall	\$27 00	
Town Grader	36 00	
		\$63 00

Trust Funds:

Arthur E. Holt, Cemetery Trust Fund	\$500 00
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Timber Tax (Security)

I. H. Vadney	\$107 32
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State Treasurer:

Recovery Old Age Assistance:

Ralph S. Colby	\$82 02	
Frank Gerrish	193 40	
Bounty on porcupine	12 25	
Forest Fire	435 45	
T. R. A.	1 59	
Class V Highways	2,344 09	
Int. & Div. Tax	2,598 66	
Refund-Head Tax	20 00	
Savings Bank Tax	106 90	
	<hr/>	\$5,794 36

Unclassified:

Building Permits	\$16 00	
J. B. Reid-Refund to Road Fund for tar	58 60	
J. B. Reid, payment on building Reid's Road	350 00	
Herman C. Miller, sale of Old Grader	10 00	
Helen K. Cote, sale of Wm. Putnam land	100 00	
Clinton Rising, sale of cemetery lot, B. B. Lockwood	25 00	
Sidney Doyle, for tarring driveway	58 60	
	<hr/>	\$618 20
Total Receipts		<hr/> \$64,792 80
Total Payments		55,283 18
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Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1953		\$9,509 62

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER

Treasurer

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes Current Year	\$32,056 51
Poll Taxes Current Year	366 00
Property and Polls, Previous Years	4,288 88
Tax Sales Redeemed	107 07
Yield Taxes	313 00
State Head Taxes	1,301 50
From State	5,794 36
Dog Licenses	191 50
Pistol & Building Permits	19 50
Filing Fees	7 00
Rental of Town Property	63 00
Interest	71 33
Registration of Motor Vehicles	2,021 41
Temporary Loans	6,000 00
Refunds	467 20
Trust Funds	500 00
Sale of Town Property	135 00
Yield Tax Security	107 32
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Total Receipts	\$53,810 58
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	10,982 22
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Grand Total	\$64,792 80

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$955 00
Town Officers' Expenses—Auto Permits	922 37
Election and Registration	43 00
Expenses Town Hall & other building	485 82
Police Department	106 09
Fire Department—Forest Fires	2,736 97
Bounties	70 75
Insurance	507 21
Civil Defense	25 00
Vital Statistics	11 75
Town Dump	150 00
Summer Highways	5,632 25
Winter Highways	2,076 33
Gas Money	1,659 43
General Highway	546 74
Street Lighting	690 68
Libraries	2,025 00
Old Age Assistance	894 80
Memorial Day	12 60
Cemeteries	184 44
Monadnock Region	83 00
Taxes Bought by Town	230 22
Refunds	9 13
Interest—Temporary	71 68
Interest—Long Term	232 32
T. R. A.	816 35
Dump Road	394 05
Temporary Loan	6,000 00
Long Term Notes	2,830 00
To State	1,817 40
To County	3,509 35
Capital Reserve Fund	200 00
Trust Funds	500 00
Yield Tax Security	107 32
School District	18,746 13
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Total	\$55,283 18
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954	9,509 62
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Grand Total	\$64,792 80

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

## Town Officers' Salaries:

Charles W. Abbott, selectman	\$225 00	
Francis W. Abbott, selectman	225 00	
Edward E. Jones, selectman	225 00	
Herman C. Miller, town clerk & town treasurer	125 00	
Rodney G. Mills, tax collector	125 00	
Marion Bradbury, overseer of poor	30 00	
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		\$955 00

## Town Officers' Expenses:

N. H. Assessors Assn., 1953 assessors' dues	\$3 00	
Brown & Saltmarsh, payroll pads	26 37	
Wheeler & Clark, dog license tags	9 37	
Herman C. Miller, supplies & auto permits	178 69	
Leon E. Hoyt, postage	2 44	
Transcript Printing Co., printing town reports	374 40	
Charles W. Abbott, postage, supplies, running town lines	41 79	
Stuart F. Clark, town officers' bonds	101 65	
Edson C. Eastman, office supplies	14 53	
N. H. Tax Commission, town audit	97 87	
Donat Corriveau, recording deeds and mortgages	16 33	
Ida M. Horner, 1953 Tax Collectors' dues	3 00	
Sim's Press Inc., signs for Scobie Pond Beach	6 25	
Sargent Bros., tax bills	14 58	
Charles R. Hardy, 1953 town clerks' dues	2 00	
Rodney G. Mills, rent of safe for trustees	6 00	
Branham Pub. Co., auto reference book	3 00	
Rodney G. Mills, postage	10 00	
Francis W. Abbott, expenses to road meeting & running town lines	11 00	
C. Edward Bourassa, recording deed	10	
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		\$922 37

## Election &amp; Registration:

Norton Brown, election officer	\$5 00
Gunnar Isacson, ballots	10 00
S. Erma Jones, election officer	5 00
W. C. MacAdam, services as moderator	6 00
Rodney G. Mills, services as supervisor	6 00
Gladys C. Vadney, election officer	5 00
W. A. Lord, services as supervisor	6 00

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 \$43 00

## Fire Department:

Public Service Co. of N. H., fire house lights	\$23 52
N. H. State Firemen's As., insurance on 33 men	33 00
Johnson Woodcraft Corp., lettering fire truck	2 00
N. H. Forestry Dept., 6 combination nozzles	4 50
American Fire Equipment Co., hose and supplies	224 26
Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co., coal	95 26
Fire Engineering, subscription to "Fire Engineering"	3 50
Edward Elliot, digging water hole	16 00
Clayton Foote, fencing water hole	11 55
Joe Thompson, parts & repairs on trucks	41 90
Walter Creighton, care of Fire House	40 00
Robert Smith, care of Fire House	30 00
Arthur J. Miller, supplies & care of Fire House	92 62
Victor White, cash paid for supplies	109 92
I. H. Vadney, supplies	10 98
F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies	28 00
C. H. Cragin & Son, parts & repairs on trucks	67 16
Daniels' Garage, supplies	1 75
Norman Stewart, cash paid for supplies	6 25

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 \$842 17

## Forest Fires:

Victor L. White, attending Spring Warden's Meeting	\$27 75
Fire Warden expenses	28 64
Fire at Scobie Pond	343 36
Posting notices	14 11
Bullard Hill fire	611 16

## Bullard Hill Fire:

Town of Pelham	116 95	
Town of Hancock	30 33	
Town of Merrimack	37 43	
Town of Lyndeboro	33 79	
Town of Greenfield	303 77	
Town of Antrim	240 55	
Town of Milford	42 86	
Town of Temple	37 00	
Town of Peterborough	8 00	
Ernest Jenkins	19 10	
	<hr/>	\$1,894 80

## Town Hall and Other Buildings:

Public Service Co. of N. H., electricity	\$40 80	
Charles W. Abbott, repairing town hall door	2 50	
Merrimack Farmers' Ex. Inc., lawn mower parts	8 27	
Andrew Clark, Jr., mowing common	24 00	
Treasurer, State of N. H., testing town scales	5 00	
Robert Smith, mowing common	2 00	
Royal S. Cleaves, repairs to tractor shed	21 50	
Arthur J. Miller, care of common	12 50	
Howard Clock Co., repairs to town clock	159 50	
William A. Lord, three cords of wood	20 00	
J. B. Vaillancourt, bottle tank gas	13 50	
Robert Cutter, Jr., cleaning wood from library	5 10	
Francestown Elec. & Water Co., water bill	15 00	
Robert B. Fish, repairing water pipe & fixing furnace	58 32	
F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies	9 83	
Rodney G. Mills, care of town clock	13 00	
Gladys Vadney, janitor of town hall	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$485 82

## Police:

Arthur J. Miller, care of 12 tramps	\$6 00	
Victor L. White, police duty	58 15	
American Fire Equip. Co., 2 police caps and insignias	14 44	
Norman Stewart, police duty	27 50	
	<hr/>	\$106 09

## Bounties:

Edward E. Jones, 11 hedgehog heads		
at \$.50	\$5	50
Francis W. Abbott, 46 hedgehog heads		
at \$.50	23	00
Charles W. Abbott, 80 hedgehog heads		
at \$.50 and 9 hedgehog heads at \$.25	42	25
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		\$70 75

## Insurance:

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.,		
insurance on tractor	\$22	20
Stuart F. Clark, liability insurance on		
Library and Town Hall	129	50
Stuart F. Clark:		
Insurance on Grader	72	38
Insurance on Town Bldgs.	114	31
Fire insurance on Library & Town Hall	168	82
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		\$507 21

## Civil Defense:

American Fire Equip. Co., supplies	\$25	00
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## Vital Statistics:

Herman C. Miller, recording	\$11	75
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## Town Dump:

Thomas E. Bixby, bulldozing back the		
dump	\$26	88
Norman Stewart, burning dump	15	00
Varnum Bros., bulldozing back the dump	23	50
Mary Cilley, care of dump	84	62
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		\$150 00

## Highway Account:

Royal Cleaves, winter highway payrolls	\$1,169	81
Clayton Foote, winter highway payrolls	906	52
Clayton Foote, summer highway & gas		
money payrolls	7,291	68
General Highway expenses	546	74
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		\$9,914 75

## Street Lighting:

Public Service Co. of N. H., street lights	\$690	68
		\$690 68

## Library:

George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library	\$1,350 00	
Furnace appropriation	500 00	
Repair to brickwork	175 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,025 00

## Old Age Assistance:

State Treasurer	\$894 80
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## Memorial Day:

Catherine Hickey, 60 flags	\$12 60
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## Cemeteries:

Rodney G. Mills, supplies & care of cemeteries	\$184 44
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## Monadnock Region:

Monadnock Region As., 1953 Appro.	\$83 00
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## Taxes Bought by Town:

## Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:

	Tax	Int.	Cost	
Louise Brock	\$7 25	\$ 31	\$2 25	\$9 81
William Doyle	12 42	53	2 25	15 20
Henry B. Murray	8 28	35	2 25	10 88
Herbert Wilson	2 07	09	2 25	4 41
Owner Unknown	1 03	04	2 25	3 32
F.F.Foote & Sons	179 92	4 43	2 25	186 60
			<hr/>	\$230 22

## Refunds:

Gaylord M. Price, excess remittance on yield tax	\$9 13
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## Interest:

First National Bank of Peterborough, interest on long term notes	\$46 62	
Souhegan National Bank, interest on long term notes	147 36	
Souhegan National Bank, interest on temporary loans	71 68	
	<hr/>	\$265 66

## T. R. A.:

State Treasurer, T.R.A.	\$816 35
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Dump Road:		
Highway Payrolls		\$394 05

Trust Funds:		
Arthur E. Holt, Cemetery Fund	\$500 00	
Fire Truck Fund	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$700 00

Temporary Loans:		
Souhegan National Bank, temporary loan		\$6,000 00

Long Term Notes:		
First National Bank of Peterborough, Turnpike note	\$500 00	
First National Bank of Peterborough, Turnpike note	500 00	
First National Bank of Peterborough, Greenfield Bridge & Road note	500 00	
Souhegan National Bank, first grader note	1,330 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,830 00

County Tax:		
Hillsborough County, county tax		\$3,509 35

State of N. H.:		
1952 Head Taxes & Penalties	\$906 90	
1953 Head Taxes	910 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,817 40

School District:		
Bernice E. Miller, School Treasurer, 1952-1953 School appropriation	\$9,746 13	
Elizabeth Jones, School Treasurer, 1953-1954 School appropriation	9,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$18,746 13

## STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

First National Bank of Peterborough:		
2—\$500 notes on Turnpike Due in 1954		\$1,000
4—\$1330 notes on Grader Due in 1954- 1955-1956-1957		5,320
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Total		\$6,320

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

## Winter-1953:

J. B. Vaillancourt	\$2 07	
Daniel's Garage	14 84	
F. H. Colburn	32 27	
I. H. Vadney	7 76	
Casellini-Venable Corp.	8 68	
Merrimack Farmers' Exch.	52 68	
C. H. Craigin	17 66	
Morrissey Bros.	2 31	
Joe Thompson	10 18	
C. E. Mann	20 00	
C. Foote	42 50	
R. Smith	10 00	
C. Bowman	20 00	
C. Champagne	35 00	
H. E. Worcester	5 00	
H. A. Varnum	297 50	
R. S. Cleaves	226 81	
R. S. Cleaves' truck	362 55	
	<hr/>	\$1,169 81

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL S. CLEAVES

Road Agent

## Summer Highways:

## Labor:

Clayton F. Foote	\$639 90
Charles Champagne	140 00
Walter Foote	5 25
Robert Baker	3 75
Norman Stuart	10 00
William Cole	204 50
James Champagne	28 10
Charles Foster	39 65
Robert Smith	334 70
Charles Bowman	132 30
Otis Higgins	262 50

## Trucks:

Thomas Bixby, truck & shovel	1,184 50
Stanley Rainey	322 00
Royal Cleaves	203 00
Edward Holt	57 75
Edward R. Elliott, shovel	152 00
H. A. Varnum, dynamite	10 35

Merrimack Farmers' Exch., cement	2 44
I. H. Vadney, supplies	3 76
Daniel's Garage, fuel	24 09

Summer Highway:

Ray Road Equipment, tools	\$58 81
Hume Pipe Co., culverts	356 33
Edward Holt, bridge stringers	30 00
Northeastern Pet. Co., oil & grease	124 45
Bituminous Prod. Co., tar, gravel	1,036 02
Mrs. William Cole	108 70
Pearl Abbott	25 00

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\$5,500 01

Internal Revenue 132 40

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Total \$5,632 25

Winter Highway—1953

Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$178 10
Otis Higgins	138 75
Charles Champagne	22 50
Harry Varnum	10 00

Truck:

Royal Cleaves	108 40
Thomas Bixby	80 00
W. A. Creighton, express	2 50
Northeastern Petroleum Co. Inc.	90 56
Merrimack Farmers Exch., salt	98 00
Nutting P. Abbott, sand	8 80

Repairs:

Newhall Garage	45 85
Souhegan Auto Wrecking Co.	12 60
Joe Thompson's Garage	85 00
F. H. Colburn Co., supplies	21 46

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\$902 52

Internal Revenue 4 00

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Total \$906 52

Dump Road:

Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$37 80
Charles Champagne	61 25
William Cole	57 45

Otis Higgins	31 25
Clayton Foote, Jr.	9 00
Otis Higgins, chain saw	57 50
Edward Elliott, shovel	72 00
Earl Bullard, truck	13 20
Royal Cleaves, truck	13 20
Arthur Whitcomb Inc., blasting	41 40

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Total	\$394 05
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Gas Money and labor:

Clayton Foote	\$517 05
Otis Higgins	286 10
William Cole	226 30
Charles Champagne	213 75
Earl Hamill	5 00
Walter Foote	5 00

Truck:

Royal Cleaves	114 00
William Cole	4 00
Harry Varnum, moving shovel	12 00
Cassellini-Venable Corp., repairs	16 74
Daniels' Garage, fuel	71 70
Chloride	173 79

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Total	\$1,645 43
Internal Revenue	14 00

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Total	\$1,659 43
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Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON F. FOOTE

Road Agent

Road agent's report on the summer highways for the coming year. We have one bridge which will have to be all rebuilt and at least three to be replanked.

There are also from eight to twelve culverts which should be replaced in order to save the roads from washouts.

Last year we spent around one thousand dollars on gravel in the spring, we would like to be able to do the same this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON F. FOOTE

Road Agent

## REPORT OF INSURANCE PROTECTION

### Town Property

Fire Insurance:	
Town Hall	\$13,000 00
Library building \$7,000	
Library contents \$2,000	9,000 00
Fire House	2,000 00

#### WORKMEN' COMPENSATION:

#### LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Library and area 20/40 protection	
Fire House and area 20/40 protection	
Town Hall and area 20/40 protection	
Operations: 10/20 protection	
Grader: All risk	\$9,600 00

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## DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

### STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 26, 1954

Board of Selectmen  
 Francestown, New Hampshire  
 Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

### SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Comparative Balance Sheets: Dec. 31, 1952-Dec. 31, 1953:**  
 (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased by \$2,278.09 during the year 1953.

**Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:** (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein.

## **Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:**

(Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$1,558.34, less a net revenue surplus of \$1,147.58, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$410.76.

### **Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)**

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1953, is indicated in Exhibit F.

## **AUDIT PROCEDURE**

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

### **Unredeemed Taxes—Prior Years:**

As indicated by Exhibit G-2, Summary of Tax Sale Accounts, there are unredeemed taxes from tax sales on account of the levies of 1950 and prior years as follows:

Levy of 1950	\$29 72
Levy of 1949	47 37
Levy of 1948	35 49
Levy of 1946	6 07
Levy of 1943	143 69
Total	<hr/> \$262 34

Inasmuch as the two year redemption period has expired on the unredeemed taxes as above stated, it is recommended that tax deeds be given to the town by the Collector on the properties represented therein.

**Conclusion:**

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

Our thanks is extended to the officials of the Town of Frances-town for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

**Certificate of Audit**

January 26, 1954

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Frances-town for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1953, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

# GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## BUDGET

	1953 Expenditures	1954 Budget
Salaries (Librarian's & assistant's)	\$450 00	\$565 00
Janitor and cleaning	108 50	90 00
Books	590 74	480 00
Magazines	94 50	90 00
Fuel	203 57	240 00
Supplies and petty cash	41 50	60 00
New equipment	100 00	180 00
Repairs (internal)	121 07	100 00
Bank Charges	4 95	5 00
Totals	<u>\$1,714 83</u>	<u>\$1,810 00</u>

## FINANCIAL REPORT 1953

Receipts:	
Bank Balance 1/1/53	\$369 37
Town Appropriation	1,350 00
Fine money	27 32
Refund: Magazine subscription	10 00
Special Account Income:	
Interest:	
Hill Fund	\$37 50
Mary Manning & Arthur Clark	30 76
Improvement Society	40 85
Annual Bridge Party	111 70
	<u>\$220 81</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,977 50</u>
Expenditures:	
Town Account expenses	\$1,714 83
Books purchased on gift money	220 81
Total expenses	<u>\$1,935 64</u>
Bank Balance 12/31/53	\$41 86

ARNOLD B. BAILEY  
HENRY B. HILL  
ELEANOR CUTTER, Trustees



## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954

## Receipts:

Fine money	\$32 22	
Petty cash	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$62 22

## Payments:

Fine money to trustees	\$32 22	
Desk supplies	14 43	
Children's magazines	3 50	
Used books and replacements	6 50	
Postage on borrowed books	6 45	
	<hr/>	\$63 10

## Circulation of books and magazines:

Fiction	\$1,704	
Non-fiction	1,532	
Juvenile	3,990	
Magazines	1,747	
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Total		\$8,973

## Magazines subscribed to by the Library:

American Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Good House-keeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Open Road for Boys, American Girl, Readers' Digest, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, Saturday Evening Post, Science News Letter, Life, Time, National Geographic, Yankee, Antiques, Story Parade, Horn Book, Audubon Magazine, McCall's, Wee Wisdom, Junior Natural History.

## Gift subscriptions:

Our Dumb Animals, from Mrs. Packer; Jack and Jill, from Mrs. Rand; N. H. Profiles, from Mrs. Lucy Holt Andolina.

Other magazines and books have been given by the following persons:

Miss McLeod, Mrs. Steffian, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Andolina, Judy Cutter, Mr. Freese, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Emma Place, Miss Rand, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Whittemore, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Howell, Miss Hirst, Mrs. Germond, Mrs. Case, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Thompson, Margaret Varnum, Miss Shattuck, W. A. Lord, Mrs. McGlynn, Mrs. Donald Pettee, Mrs. Langmaid.

As usual the Library is indebted to the group of volunteers who, under the leadership of Mrs. McAdam and Mrs. Doris Basset, held the annual card party and flower show at the town hall so successfully; and to the Improvement Society which generously added to the Doll Fund collected on Labor Day. The Improvement Society has also for many years paid the bill for electricity at the Library. Dr. Edwin Place and Clare Farr cleaned up the grounds around the building.

Mrs. Harold Case made another gift of \$15 for books, in memory of her son, David Kirk Case. Mrs. Howell gave the same amount for miscellaneous books, and the usual anonymous gift came for art-craft books, \$20.

From the State Library we borrowed 179 books, and from the Bookmobile, 374.

During the year there were several special exhibits: paintings by Mr. and Mrs. Germond of this town; paintings of Spain by Mr. George Noyes, and Spanish antiques collected by Mrs. Noyes during years of residence in Spain. Examples of modern African art, especially sculpture, were provided by Mrs. Boyle whose husband recently brought them from Africa. Book Week was celebrated with a horn book exhibit, including a miniature horn book, charts, a Caldecott and other books and magazines relating to the topic. Costumed dolls from Italy made a colorful display for the holiday season; these were provided by Mrs. Henry Hill, just returned from a trip to Italy with her family.

The furnishing of the Academy Room was completed this summer by Mrs. Arnold Bailey who has made a valuable permanent exhibit of Academy properties. Many pictures and other materials have been lent to the room.

The Book Room upstairs was painted from ceiling to floor and a special table made for a permanent soapstone exhibit.

An old oil painting of the Crombie House, the painting once owned by Mr. Ed Bryant, was given to the Library by his niece, Mrs. Pearl Bryant Abbott.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. LORD

Librarian

# SCHOOL REPORT

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator, Mr. Harry A. Loebel	March 1954
Clerk, Mrs. Betty Jones	March 1954
Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Jones	June 1954
Truant Officer, Mr. Harold Varnum	March 1954
Auditor, Mrs. Eleanor Cutter	March 1954

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Harold Varnum, Chairman	March 1954
Mrs. Winnifred Hoyt, Secretary	March 1955
Mrs. C. Gladys St. John	March 1956

## SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Newell J. Paire

## TEACHING STAFF FOR 1953-54

Mr. Robert Morgan, Principal, Grades 5, 6, 7, 8  
 Miss Hazel Clement, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Miss Ethelyn G. Edwards, Music Supervisor

## SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Sybil M. Beatham, R.N.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

1953-54:

January 4, 1954 to February 19	7 weeks
March 1, to April 23	7 weeks
May 3, to June 18	7 weeks

1954-55:

School opens Sept. 8, 1954—Closes Nov. 24 at 12:15 (one session).

School opens Nov. 29, Closes Dec. 17.

School opens Jan. 3, 1955—Closes Feb. 18.

School opens Feb. 28—Closes April 22.

School opens May 2—Closes June 17.

Holidays: Armistice Day, Nov. 11 Closes 12:15 (one session).  
 Memorial Day, May 30.

Teachers' Convention October 14 and 15.

Total number of School Days 180

Total number of School Weeks 37.

# SCHOOL WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of  
Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 5th day of March 1954 at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of constructing a walk across the land in front of the school building to the playground area and to the proposed bicycle area or take any action relating thereto.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365 for the purpose of constructing a 6-foot chain link fence separating the brook area from the playground area at the south end of the playground or take any action relating thereto.
10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1450 for the purpose of establishing a third classroom in the basement of the present building or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2778 for the purpose of employing a third teacher or take any action relating thereto.

12. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the purpose of providing needed additional equipment for the third classroom or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given under our hands at said Francestown this 25th day of January 1954.

HAROLD A. VARNUM  
WINNIFRED C. HOYT  
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HAROLD A. VARNUM  
WINNIFRED C. HOYT  
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN  
School Board

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

### A. Administration:

#### 1. Salaries of District Officers:

Bernice Miller	\$31 20	
Eleanor Cutter	6 00	
Harold Varnum	30 00	
Winnifred Hoyt	30 00	
C. Gladys St. John	60 00	
		\$157 20

#### 2. Supt.'s Salary (local share):

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$355 00
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#### 3. Tax for State Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer	\$164 00
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#### 4. Salaries of other Administrative Personnel:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$192 89	
C. Gladys St. John	12 00	
		\$204 89

#### 5. Supplies and Expenses:

Supervisory Union No. 63	\$209 78	
Bernice Miller	8 00	
National Stationers	3 95	
		\$221 73

### B. Instruction:

#### 6. Teachers' Salaries:

Robert Piper	\$2,255 80	
Hazel Clement	2,194 60	
Ethelyn Edwards	290 56	
Director of Internal Revenue	747 50	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	385 60	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	39 60	
Nina Abbott	18 00	
		\$5,931 66

#### 7. Books and Other Instructional Aids:

D. C. Heath & Co.	\$24 82	
O. H. Toothaker	15 04	
Noble and Noble Publishers	24 93	
Row, Peterson & Co.	5 10	
L. W. Singer & Co.	27 40	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	1 93	
Rodeheaver Hall-Mack & Co.	4 20	
The Macmillan Co.	6 40	
American Book Co.	17 15	
A. H. Rice & Co.	40 77	
Visual Curriculum Center	65 00	
Denoyer-Geppert Co.	24 62	
Rand, McNally Co.	13 28	
		\$270 64

## 8. Scholars' Supplies:

Beckley-Cardy Co.	\$1 50
D. C. Heath & Co.	7 47
Houghton Mifflin Co.	8 83
Row, Peterson & Co.	7 94
Supervisory Union No. 63	41 63
Charles Scribner's Sons	21 35
L. W. Singer & Co.	9 72
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	17 85
Scott, Foresman & Co.	1 18
Silver Burdett Co.	1 70
Laidlaw Brothers	27 85
J. L. Hammett Co.	31 13
Mildred's Gift Shop	1 00
Milton Bradley Co.	23 56
Rand, McNally Co.	11 57

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\$214 28

## 10. Supplies and Other Expenses:

F. A. Owen Publishing Co.	\$4 00
Scholastic Magazines	19 00
Lyons Band Instrument Co.	7 42
University of N. H.	60 00
American Education Press	23 50
William L. Nutting Inc.	8 32
Wilton School District	2 00
Robert Piper	10 74
Jones Express	1 65
J. L. Hammett Co.	10 91

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\$147 54

## C. Operation of School Plant:

## 11. Salary of Janitor

Gladys St. John	\$48 00
Arthur Miller	400 00

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\$448 00

## 12. Fuel

Draper Fuel Co.

355 82

## 13. Water, Light &amp; Janitor Supplies:

Central Paper Products Co.	\$35 53
Richard Miller	6 05
Robert Hoyt	15 00
Public Service Co. of N. H.	104 28
F. H. Colburn	8 64
Merrimack Farmers Exchange	6 76
W. C. MacAdam	24 75
Walter Creighton	8 50
Allan H. Murray	5 44
Milton Bradley Co.	4 30



Wilton Plumbing & Heating Corp.	4 00	
Joslin Hardware Co.	6 37	
L. C. Robbins	12 60	
Donald Hoyt	25 00	
Peterborough Hardware	6 07	
	<hr/>	\$273 29

## D. Maintenance of School Plant:

14. Repairs and Replacements:		
The Garland Company	\$42 30	
Andrew J. Rajaniemi	211 00	
Donald Hoyt	4 00	
N. H. Fire & Safety Equipment Co.	24 00	
Grant Mfg. Co.	2 04	
Howard Chase	10 00	
Thompson & Hoague Co.	6 30	
Derby's Dept. Store	3 50	
W. A. Adrian	63 53	
	<hr/>	\$366 67

## E. Auxiliary Activities:

15. Health Supervision:		
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	\$15 40	
The Clukay Pharmacy	5 51	
Louisa Murphy	209 60	
Louis Weiderhold, M.D.	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$270 51

16. Transportation:		
Elementary: Arthur Lord	\$1,196 80	
Yvonne Creighton	704 00	
Franklin Hadley	350 00	
High School: Millard Edwards	25 00	
Donald Hoyt	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,285 00

17. Tuition:		
Peterborough School District	\$3,870 00	
New Boston School District	220 00	
Hancock Educational Association	250 00	
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18. Special Activities:		
Visual Curriculum Center	\$80 00	
Lynch's Sports Equipment	22 57	
Lyons Band Instrument Co.	1 31	
Ford Bowman	4 44	
The Capital Offset Co.	23 87	
N. H. School Board Association	3 00	
Sally LeBlanc	1 40	
William L. Nutting Inc.	6 97	

Royal S. Cleaves	45 00	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange	4 12	
Director of Internal Revenue	72 20	
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		\$264 88
18a. School Lunch		\$537 16
F. Fixed Charges:		
19. Retirement:		
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System		\$363 21
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses:		
Stuart F. Clark Ins. Agent	\$205 16	
G. A. Reynolds	5 00	
Levi M. Bixby	84 00	
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		\$294 16
20a. N. H. & Vt. Hospitalization service		\$199 65
G. Capital Outlay:		
22. Additions and Improvements:		
Donald Hoyt		\$114 73
23. New Equipment:		
Robert B. Fish	\$363 32	
Study Film Center	71 75	
Southwestern N. H. Transp. Co.	9 06	
Greenville School District	95 98	
Walter Creighton	5 19	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	29 10	
Gertrude Murdo	25 00	
Manchester Technical Institute	12 00	
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		\$611 40
H. Debt and Interest:		
25 Principal of Debt:		
Souhegan National Bank		\$500 00
26. Interest on Debt:		
Souhegan National Bank		\$96 25
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Total Payments for All Purposes		\$18,988 47
Balance on Hand June 30, 1953		667 11
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Grand Total		\$19,655 58

Respectfully submitted,  
 HAROLD VARNUM  
 WINNIFRED HOYT  
 C. GLADYS ST. JOHN  
 School Board

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

### SUMMARY

#### ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$157 20
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	355 00
3. Tax for state wide supervision	164 00
4. Salaries of other Adm. Personnel	204 89
5. Supplies and expenses	221 73

#### INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries	5,931 66
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	270 64
8. Scholars' Supplies	214 28
10. Supplies and other expenses	147 54

#### OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salaries of Janitors	448 00
12. Fuel or Heat	355 82
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	273 29

#### MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	366 67
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#### AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	270 51
16. Transportation	2,285 80
17. Tuition	4,340 00
18. Special Activities & Special Funds	264 88
18a. School Lunch	537 16

#### FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement	363 21
20. Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses	294 16
20a. Blue Cross	199 65

#### CAPITAL OUTLAY:

22. Additions & Improvements to Bldgs.	114 73
23. New Equipment	611 40

#### DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Principal of Debt	500 00
26. Interest on Debt	96 25

Total Net Payments for all Purposes	\$18,988 47
Cash on Hand at End of Year June 30, 1953	667 11

Grand Total Net Payments	\$19,655 58
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## RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:		
National School Lunch	\$537 16	
Local Taxation:		
Current Appropriation	\$16,746 13	
Other Sources:		
Elementary School Tuition	517 50	
Other	323 10	
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Total Net Receipts from all Sources		\$18,123 89
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1952		1,531 69
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Grand Total Net Receipts		\$19,655 58

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD VARNUM

WINNIFRED HOYT

C. GLADYS ST. JOHN

School Board

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SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT

## SUMMARY

Cash on hand July 1, 1952	\$370 10	
Received:		
Lunch Sales—Children	\$1,620 27	
Lunch Sales—Adults	76 52	
National School Lunch	537 16	
Miscellaneous	2 00	
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		\$2,235 95
Grand Total		\$2,606 05
Expenditures:		
Food	\$1,324 96	
Labor	832 90	
All other	98 64	
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		\$2,256 50
Cash Balance on hand June 30, 1953		<hr/>
		\$349 55

**ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER****Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953**

Cash on hand July 1, 1952		\$1,531 69
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$16,746 13	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	537 16	
Received from Tuitions	517 50	
Received from all other sources	323 10	
Total Receipts		<u>\$18,123 89</u>
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$19,655 58
Less School Board Orders paid		<u>18,988 47</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1953		\$667 11

BERNICE E. MILLER

July 15, 1953

District Treasurer

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Francetown of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

ELEANOR G. CUTTER

August 7, 1953

Auditor

### SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954 and comparative analysis of expenditures:

	Expended 1952-53	Budgeted 1953-54	Estimated Budget 1954-55
<b>A. ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$157 20	\$140 60	\$140 60
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	*355 00	383 72	373 93
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	164 00	174 00	180 00
4. Salaries of Other Admn'n personnel	204 89	215 53	218 63
5. Supplies and Expenses	221 73	282 59	267 05
<b>B. INSTRUCTION:</b>			
6. Teachers' Salaries	5,931 66	6,245 00	6,370 00
7. Textbooks & Other Instr. Aids	270 64	245 00	250 00
8. Scholars' Supplies	214 28	418 00	416 00
10. Other Instructional Expenses	147 54	126 00	126 00
<b>C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>			
11. Salary of Janitor	448 00	490 00	490 00
12. Fuel or Heat	355 82	400 00	400 00
13. Water, Light & Other Expenses	273 29	262 25	262 25
<b>D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>			
14. Repairs and Replacements	366 67	250 00	250 00
<b>E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:</b>			
15. Health Supervision	270 51	340 00	340 00
16. Transportation	2,285 80	2,304 00	2,404 00
17. Tuition	4,340 00	6,300 00	8,745 00
18. Other Special Activities	264 88	45 00	45 00
18a. School Lunch	537 16		
<b>F. FIXED CHARGES:</b>			
19. Teacher Retirement	363 21	378 00	439 93
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses	294 16	314 00	317 00
20a. Blue Cross	199 65		
Total Current Expenses	\$17,666 09	\$19,313 69	\$22,035 39
<b>G. CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			
22. Additions and Improvements	114 73		
23. New Equipment	611 40		72 00
<b>H. DEBT AND INTEREST:</b>			
25. Payment on Principal	500 00	500 00	500 00
26. Payment of Interest	96 25	96 25	79 00
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	\$18,988 47	\$19,909 94	\$22,686 39

I. INCOME OF DISTRICT:	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED
Balance on hand June 30, 1952	\$1,531 69	\$200 00	None
Tuition—Elementary	517 50	540 00	540 00
Other Sources:			
School Lunch	537 16		
Miscellaneous	323 10		
Local Taxation	16,746 13		
Total Receipts: Actual	\$19,655 58		
Estimated		\$740 00	\$540 00
Balance on hand July 1, 1953	667 11		
Total Assessment Required to Cover School Board's Budget	\$16,746 13	\$19,169 94	\$22,146 39
*Supervisory Union Share of Superintendent's Salary \$3,925.00 State Share \$2,275.00.			

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF FRANCESTOWN:

I respectfully submit my seventh annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

#### STAFF CHANGES

Mr. Robert Morgan, graduate of Keene Teachers College in June 1953, was employed to fill the position of teaching Principal vacated by Mr. Robert Piper. Mr. Piper moved on to Milton, New Hampshire to become Principal of the Milton Elementary School.

Miss Sybil M. Beatham, School Nurse in several towns in Supervisory Union No. 63, has been employed to assume the duties of school nurse in Francestown, replacing Mrs. Louisa Murphy, who resigned from this position in June 1953.

#### INSTRUCTION

School opened this fall with an enrollment of sixty-eight pupils with 32 in grades 1-4, taught by Miss Hazel Clement and 36 in grades 5-8, taught by Mr. Morgan. Despite the fact that the rooms are crowded, very good work is being accomplished by the teachers. Proper attention is being given to the development of the fundamentals with as much attention devoted to individual problems as large classes and multiple graded rooms will permit.

For the past several years your School Board and Superintendent have been considering the advisability of employing a third teacher and setting up a third classroom so that the grade assignment for teachers could be reduced in order to provide an educational program that would be more efficient than the one we are presently operating. This development would provide the teacher with the time to more adequately provide for individual differences. Consequently, this year this problem is being brought to the attention of the voters to see what action they desire to take. A thorough study of the feasibility of transforming a portion of the Cafeteria into a classroom has been made and it appears that an adequate classroom could be provided at a comparatively small cost.

If three rooms are provided the breakdown of class assignments might be as follows for the several years under consideration:



Year	Grades Total			Grades Total			Grades Tot.			Total Bldg.		
	1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8			
1954-55	8	13	21	8	5	6	19	9	12	5	26	66
1955-56	10	8	18	13	8	5	26	6	9	12	27	71
1956-57	7	10	17	8	13	8	29	5	6	9	20	66
1957-58	14	7	21	10	8	13	31	8	5	6	19	71
1958-59	6	14	20	7	10	8	25	13	8	5	26	71
1959-60	3	6		14	7	10	31	8	13	8	29	
1960-61								10	8	13	31	
1961-62								14	7	10	31	

I wish to commend Mrs. Caroline Lord, town librarian, for the excellent cooperation and assistance she has given the teachers and children, in developing fine reading interests and habits. Her sincere interest in children has made our library program very outstanding.

Miss Ethelyn Edwards, music teacher and supervisor, is continuing her fine work in developing music skills, interests, and an appreciation for good music.

The music in the Primary Room consists of the development of the singing voice, the feeling for beautiful music and the joy of singing beautiful songs. This is done through the use of their basic text, folk dancing and singing games. As much time as possible is spent in helping individuals, especially the younger children to develop a properly placed singing voice.

In the Upper Room, emphasis is placed in two-part work, teaching music facts and devoting time to the discussion of composers. The Song Flute program has been coming along well and has stimulated much interest in music.

The success of this part of the education of our children can be evaluated in terms of the fine comments made by parents and citizens about the programs that the children and teachers have presented to the public.

#### HEALTH SUPERVISION

We were exceedingly sorry to lose the fine services of Mrs. Louisa Murphy, as our school nurse. Her work was very thorough and her relationships with children, teachers and parents were conducive to fine cooperation. Her report reveals the details of her work.

We were fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Miss Sybil Beatham to carry on this phase of our educational program. Miss Beatham has many years of experience as a school nurse and is cognizant of the problems existent in the field of school nursing.

Dr. Louis Weiderhold, has done much, to insure good health in our children. His examinations are thorough and his advice is very helpful to all concerned with the healthy development of the school children.

### SCHOOL GROUNDS

Our playground area continues to improve with each passing year. This past summer and fall more grading has been done in an attempt to level off those areas that in the past have been comparatively useless. However, the brook at the south end of the playground still poses quite a problem. As it presently exists, we are faced with a hazard that could result in serious injury to our little people. Water has the unusual ability of attracting little children. Consequently, quite a problem of supervision has developed in keeping the first and second graders from this area. Frequently, they return to the classroom after recesses and noon periods, wet and bruised despite the efforts of the teachers to keep them away from this area. Thus, we are recommending the installation of a chain link fence to close off this area. A special article in the warrant will call this problem to the attention of the voters.

The Francetown P. T. A. is to be commended for the fine support both physically and morally, that they have extended to the school. Our play area has been developed to its present state largely through their efforts, and the efforts of interested citizens, cooperating with the School Board. As the result of a request from them, a special article has been inserted in the warrant to provide for the construction of a sidewalk across the front of the school grounds, close to the building, to provide for a better approach to the playground and bicycle area. Each spring and fall, this area becomes a veritable sea of mud. Not only does this detract from the appearance of the grounds but it creates quite a cleaning problem in the school building as well as creating a hazardous situation for the little people.

### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Our school lunch program continues to be a successful venture under the capable management of Mrs. C. Gladys St. John, assisted by Mrs. Winnifred Hoyt who maintains the books. We are presently serving approximately 1025 meals per month. It will be noted that this program closed the year with a balance of \$349.55. For details of the program I refer you to the School Lunch Report.

### IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS

This past summer we completed the paint program, that was laid out several years ago, by painting the entrance hall, and stair-well to the basement.

Upon the recommendation of the State Health Department bubblers were installed in the upper and lower grade rooms. This not only provides for a more sanitary drinking situation but from an administrative point of view, it lends itself to more efficient supervision.

Our building is now in excellent condition and we should be able to keep it this way at a nominal cost.

The only area that needs attention this coming summer is the kitchen. A small sum is included in the budget to re-paint the kitchen and to install a ceiling over this area.

#### FINANCE

The total amount required to cover the School Board's Budget for 1954-55, exclusive of the passage of any of the special articles in the warrant, is \$22,686.39, a net increase of \$2,776.45 over that of last year. The largest increase \$2,445, is in the area of tuitions. Other areas that have decidedly smaller increases are teachers' salaries, teacher retirement, transportation, repairs and replacements and equipment. These total \$433.93. Decreases in other areas are responsible for the net increase mentioned above.

#### CONCLUSION

It has been a pleasure to work with the teachers, parents, the Francetown School Board and interested citizens in Francetown toward improved educational offerings for the children of Francetown. The teachers and I solicit and welcome your suggestions and help.

NEWELL J. PAIRE

Superintendent of Schools

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### STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 1953

#### ENROLLMENT

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	10	5	8	13					36
Grammar					16	5	10	10	41
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#### ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Peterborough High School	15
New Boston High School	1
Hancock High School	1
Private Schools Outside the District	2

## ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Tardiness	
				Total	Per Pupil
Primary	32.46	30.09	92.70	23	.71
Grammar	36.72	34.57	94.14	60	1.9

## Visits:

By School Board	19
By Superintendent	54
By Citizens	376

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

One Year: Eric Tenney and Lawrence Abbott

## STATISTICS FOR FIRST TWENTY WEEKS 1953-54

Census: (Ages 1 day—18 yrs. incl.) Boys 77; Girls 54; Total 131

Attending Schools in Francestown	66
Attending Peterborough High School	18
Attending Hancock High School	1
Attending New Boston High School	1
Attending Private Schools Outside the District	4

## ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	13	8	4	7					32
Grammar					9	11	5	10	35
									67

## ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
Primary	32.05	30.57	95.38
Grammar	35.83	34.29	95.80

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

TO THE SUPT. OF SCHOOLS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Following is the summary of the Health work completed in Francestown during the months from September 1952 to June 1953.

September:

Inspection	73 pupils
Heights and weights	73 pupils

October:

Inspection and physical check-up by Dr. Louis Weiderhold of  
 Francestown:

Pupils examined	71
Defects noted:	54
Eyes	7
Ears	2
Tonsils	20
Orthopedic	1
Nutrition	4
One treatment given (penicillin) for impetigo	
Vision test	71 with 7 defects
Children with glasses	9
Dental Check-up. Ten pupils attended dental clinic at Dr. C. T. Lawrence's and Dr. Weathers' in Peterborough, N. H.	

November:

Inspection 67 pupils  
 (Special attention to hair and scalps)

December:

Throat inspections 14 absentees

January:

Inspections 70  
 Chicken Pox 1 (Jan. 20)

Heights and weights recorded for comparison of September records.

February:

Inspections 52. 14 cases of Chicken Pox reported

March:

Inspections 63. First Aid kits refitted.

April:

Inspections 62. Teeth checked. Permission slips sent to 13 parents concerning the Dental Clinic.

May and June:

Dental check-up	64
Scalp check-up	64
Heights and weights	64

Seven pupils attended a dental clinic at Dr. Lawrence's and Dr. Weathers' office on May 18, 1953 from 8:30 A. M. to 12 Noon. Twelve more pupils attended on May 25, 1953. On May 19, 1953 at 3:30 P. M. eleven children registered for the September term.

In June, heights and weights were recorded for the comparison of September and January records.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISA A. MURPHY, R. N.

## TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds, Town of Franconstown, N. H., Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND—PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1852	Levi Woodbury—Educational Fund—Educational	Savings Bank	\$52 08	\$15 78	\$35 13	\$32 73
1856	Jennie Bradford—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	105 19	6 84	25 00	87 03
1856	Benjamin Pettee—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	28 34	1 82	10 00	20 26
1909	Richard Stanley—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	24 14	1 86	3 00	23 00
1913	William Boyd—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	51 24	3 02	7 00	47 26
1915	Ed. & Charles Morgan—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	22 03	1 83	2 00	21 86
1916	Teacher D. Briggs—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	17 46	1 86	2 00	6 32
1916	Mary C. Abbott—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	11 25	1 23	2 00	10 54
1916	Mary C. Abbott—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	18 54	1 77	2 00	18 31
1917	Nancy M. Danforth—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	15 83	1 73	3 00	14 58
1917	Mariah H. Balch—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	45 03	3 88	5 00	43 71
1918	Almedia Felch—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	20 33	1 80	3 00	19 13
1920	Daniel Ordway—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	27 80	1 86	2 00	6 76
1920	Jessie F. Osborne—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	21 26	1 82	2 00	21 48
1921	Henry H. Lynch—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	13 14	1 77	2 00	13 13
1922	Mary D. Roper—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	34 18	5 01	19 00	26 19
1922	L. Ann Weston—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	9 08	1 89	2 00	7 97
1922	Eva M. Farmer—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	18 25	1 77	2 00	18 32
1923	Daniel W. Dunklee—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	8 54	1 25	2 00	7 79
1924	Unknown Dead—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	6 20	1 84	2 00	5 04
1925	Moses Jellison—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	19 18	1 79	2 00	19 27
1925	Mark Dean—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	7 25	1 86	2 00	6 11
1925	Sawyer & Sleeper—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	20 33	1 80	4 00	18 13
1927	George F. Holt—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	52 86	3 78	15 00	41 64
1927	Clara Dean—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	14 73	1 71	4 00	14 44
1928	Vilana A. Clark—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	25 90	1 88	2 00	23 78
1928	Moses B. Fisher—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	21 12	1 82	5 00	17 94
1929	Ordway & Snell—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	6 58	1 59	2 00	6 17
1929	A. P. Fairbanks—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	22 32	1 83	4 00	20 15
1929	Mary J. Boynton—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	20 94	1 80	2 00	20 74
1929	Benjamin Dean—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	7 77	1 86	2 00	6 63
1930	Georgiana Felch—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	17 70	1 76	3 00	16 46
1931	Jennie C. Dodge—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	34 77	2 76	7 00	30 53
1931	W. N. Maxfield—Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	18 95	1 77	2 00	18 72

1932	John A. Burnham—Cemetery Care	34 39	2 76	7 00	30 15
1933	Sarah A. Hill—Cemetery Care	4 42	81	1 00	4 23
1934	Addie L. Morse—Cemetery Care	255 69	17 33	35 00	238 02
1934	Frank Crosby—Cemetery Care	28 48	2 86	5 00	26 45
1935	Willard Carter—Cemetery Care	24 23	1 61	4 00	22 09
1935	John L. Epps—Cemetery Care	8 28	1 62	2 00	8 20
1935	Willard Cemetery Fund—Cemetery Care	24 22	1 86	3 00	22 08
1935	George E. Downes—Cemetery Care	17 19	1 70	3 00	15 95
1935	Frank Robinson—Cemetery Care	13 51	1 70	3 00	12 21
1936	A. G. Clark—Cemetery Care	52 96	3 77	3 00	16 80
1936	Joseph Fitts—Cemetery Care	18 03	3 78	3 00	48 74
1937	S. & E. Fuller—Cemetery Care	14 82	1 71	2 00	14 53
1937	Fred Henderson—Cemetery Fund	17 27	1 76	2 00	17 03
1939	George F. Lowe—Cemetery Fund	24 98	1 86	2 00	23 84
1940	Sadie Balch—Cemetery Fund	14 29	1 44	2 00	13 75
1941	C. H. Nichols—Cemetery Fund	1 15	1 76	2 00	16 91
1941	Edwin A. Terren—Cemetery Fund	92 84	8 88	1 00	8 74
1943	Milton B. Starrett—Cemetery Fund	17 71	2 51	1 00	80 72
1944	W. R. Sawyer—Cemetery Fund	14 32	3 71	2 00	17 03
1944	Lydia Burton—Cemetery Fund	26 59	3 45	2 00	17 03
1944	Wilfred Brown—Cemetery Fund	12 63	1 68	2 00	23 04
1944	Joseph H. Chandler—Cemetery Fund	12 97	1 68	2 00	5 91
1944	Amasa Downes—Cemetery Fund	17 90	1 70	1 00	11 75
1945	Eva S. Chandler—Cemetery Fund	19 51	1 70	1 00	14 00
1946	Frank W. Jones—Cemetery Fund	19 51	1 70	1 00	8 12
1946	Capital Reserve Funds—Cemetery Fund	7 34	1 79	1 00	23 96
1947	Burt W. Smith—Cemetery Fund	14 34	2 61	1 00	14 95
1948	Emma A. Joslin—Cemetery Fund	15 43	2 61	1 00	14 95
1948	S. G. Wood—Cemetery Fund	16 09	1 58	1 00	16 04
1949	Fisher and Knight—Cemetery Fund	5 18	3 24	3 00	16 28
1950	Huntington Trust Fund—Cemetery Fund	5 18	1 53	1 00	5 76
1950	Forest Carson—Cemetery Fund	4 96	1 56	1 00	5 59
1950	S. K. Atwood—Cemetery Fund	3 03	1 55	1 00	2 82
1951	Albert T. Dodge—Cemetery Fund	3 03	1 55	1 00	3 57
1951	E. F. and E. A. Bryan—Cemetery Fund	4 50	4 56	5 00	4 06
1951	Geo. H. Bixby Library Fund—Library	30 76	30 76	30 76	
1952	Geo. H. Bixby Library Fund—Library	37 50	37 50	37 50	
1953	A. E. Holt—Cemetery Fund				
	Totals	\$1,664 70	\$250 09	\$353 26	\$1,596 40

## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
Date January 2nd, 1954.

PAUL T. BRADBURY  
RODNEY G. MILLS  
CONSTANCE VARNUM, Trustees

# VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Franeestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Child			Name of Father	Maiden Name Mother	Color	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			Sex	Condition	No.						
1953											
Feb. 13	Peterborough	Letitia Weiderhold	F	L	2	Louis Weiderhold III	Elizabeth K. Plummer	W	Doctor	Philadelphia, Pa.	Pennsylvania
Mar. 31	Peterborough	Frederick MacAdam	M	L	3	Wm. Clark MacAdam	Lois Baker Schnell	W	Forester	New York City	Croton, N. Y.
Dec. 5	Peterborough	Alan Chandler Cilley	M	L	2	Richard C. Cilley	Sylvia Fairfield	W	Night Foreman	Franeestown	Harrisville
Dec. 8	Peterborough	Christina L. Germond	F	L	1	Russell C. Germond	Jane T. Sagendorph	W	Dublin Bl'k Co.	New Brit'n, Conn.	New York, N. Y.



Marriages Registered in the Town of Fracestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Place & Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1953								
April 7	George W. Bevis	Francestown	57	Herdsman	England	Charles Bevis	England	Donald S. Ewing
Greenfield	Pearl Edith Clark	Gilsum	56	At home	Connecticut	Frances Willette	England	Minister
May 16	George Macomber	W. Newton, Mass.	25	Builder	Massachusetts	Charles J. Anderson	Sweden	Greenfield
Francestown	Ann D. Leonard	Boston, Mass.	23	None	Massachusetts	Jemema Gilenery	Ireland	
Aug. 1	John H. Stiness	Pawtucket, R.I.	22	Student	Massachusetts	Charles C. Macomber	Massachusetts	Donald S. Ewing
Francestown	Pauline E. Cudworth	Brookline, Mass.	23	Actress	Rhode Island	Janet N. Eaton	Massachusetts	Minister
Aug. 29	Robert L. Blancy	Marion, Mass.	35	Teacher	Massachusetts	Neal Leonard	Maine	Greenfield
Francestown	Rhoda Clark White	Newton, Mass.	32	Teacher	Canada	Hildegard Drumond	Rhode Island	
Sept. 26	Charles S. Woodward	Francestown	68	Retired	Massachusetts	Samuel G. Stiness	Rhode Island	Donald S. Ewing
Francestown	Agnes Viola Peters	Francestown	40	Housekeeper	New Hampshire	Reina Brassard	Massachusetts	Minister
						Charles H. Cudworth	Massachusetts	Greenfield
						Etta Masse	Canada	
						Frederick D. Blancy	Canada	Donald S. Ewing
						Sadie M. Boyd	Massachusetts	Minister
						Frederick White	Canada	Greenfield
						Lena Agnes Hadden	Massachusetts	
						Mary Jane Nutting	Massachusetts	Donald S. Ewing
						John Arthur Peters	New Hampshire	Minister
						Alice Shepard	New Hampshire	Greenfield

Deaths Registered in the Town of Franchestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Cond.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1953									
Jan. 6	Franchestown	Bert B. Lockwood	83	Springfield, Vt.	M	W	Railroad	Benonia Lockwood	Elvira Lockwood
Jan. 6	Franchestown	Carl Edgar Cilley	56	Dublin	M	M	Carpenter	Edgar Allen Cilley	Ellen W. Hood
Jan. 22	Peterborough	Arthur Edward Holt	72	Greenfield	M	W	Storekeeper	Frank E. Holt	Jennie S. Hall
Feb. 7	Grasmere	Mary Gregg	88	Hemiker	F	S			
Mar. 10	Franchestown	Moses W. Fournier	88	Sherbrook, Canada	M	W	Laborer	Unknown	Unknown
Mar. 25	Franchestown	Frederick F. Foote	86	Franchestown	M	W	Farmer	Patrick M. Foote	Rebecca Whitefield
June 1	Keene	George E. Duncklee	73	Greenfield	M	W	Retired	George H. Duncklee	____ Wood
June 2	Franchestown	Carrie S. Mosher	74	Boston, Mass.	F	W	At home	Henry Zewer	Catherine Curtin
June 13	Franchestown	Jane E. Rutledge	82	Cavendish, Vt.	F	S	At home	George Rutledge	Della Naughton
July 11	Franchestown	Clarence P. Kidder	77	Cambridge, Mass.	M	W	Manufacturer	Marion H. Kidder	Ida Luella Patch
Oct. 22	Franchestown	Eva W. Chandler	77	Deering	F	W	Housewife	Walter Smith	Louisa Mills

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk



